



## **Find Your Irish Ancestor's Birth, Marriage, or Death Certificate**

Civil registration is the government registering of births, marriages, and deaths. Registration of vital records began in Ireland in 1864. Registration of non-Catholic marriages began in 1845. Indexes and images of civil registration records are available free online.

1. Go to <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie>
2. Enter the first and last name of an ancestor. If you know the Civil Registration District, type in the name of the District.
3. Add a year range and select Birth, Marriage, or Death and then Search.
4. You will need to solve a Captcha to get access to the database. Click on I'm not a robot and then you will be asked to select pictures with street signs or store fronts. Choose all that apply and Submit.
5. You will then come to a screen where you will type in your first and last name, tick the box to indicate you are requesting to search the indexes, and then click on Submit.
6. On the right you will see a list of individuals with names and the time period for which you searched. Click on the name of an individual to see more details.
7. Most of the index entries have images attached to them. To see the image click on Image at the bottom of the page. You will be taken to a pdf version of the certificate. The certificate can be printed or saved.
8. To narrow down your search, you may need to find the Registration District for the townland or parish where your ancestor lived.

## **Find the Civil Registration District for a Parish or Townland**

1. Go to <http://www.thecore.com/seanruad/>.
2. Enter either a townland or parish name, choose the county from the drop down menu, and then Submit.
3. A list will come up with the name of the townland, the Barony, the Parish, and the PLU (Poor Law Union). The Poor Law Union is the Civil Registration District for the townland and parish.
4. Add the name of the Civil Registration District to the search at <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie> and try the search again.